

SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2008

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SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION

Officials

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SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission Fairfield, Iowa

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinions.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission as of June 30, 2008 and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, I have also issued my report dated September 18, 2008 on my consideration of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance with the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an

integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information of pages 8 through 11 and 20 through 21 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's basic financial statements. I previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the three years ended June 30, 2008 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Menke

Certified Public Accountant

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September 18, 2008



SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The South Iowa Area Crime Commission provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's financial statements, which follow.

2008 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Commission's operating receipts increased 1.8%, or approximately \$10,326, from fiscal 2007 to fiscal 2008.
- The Commission's operating disbursements increased 1.3%, or approximately \$6,460, from fiscal 2007 to fiscal 2008.
- The Commission's net assets increased approximately \$63,217, or 21.2%, from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Commission's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statement consists of a Statement of Activities and Net Assets — Cash Basis. This statement provides information about the activities of the Commission as a whole and presents an overall view of the Commission's finances.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Commission's budget for the year.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Commission maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Commission are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

REPORTING THE COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statement

One of the most important questions asked about the Commission's finances is, "Is the Commission as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash Basis reports information which helps answer this question.

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets - Cash Basis presents the Commission's net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in the Commission's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Commission is improving or deteriorating.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The Commission's cash balances decreased significantly from a year ago. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in cash balances.

	Year ende	Year ended June 30,		
	2008	2007		
Operating receipts:				
County assessments	\$ 252,354	\$ 219,296		
County transport fees	303,329	330,986		
Other reimbursements	51,703	46,778		
Total operating receipts	607,386	597,060		
Operating disbursements:				
Salaries and benefits	323,434	319,283		
Payroll taxes	23,792	24,847		
Dues and subscriptions	2,226	2,428		
Insurance	14,892	18,325		
Office expense	8,208	7,229		
Professional fees	33,695	39,419		
Repairs and maintenance	56,693	51,134		
Telephone	10,287	10,187		
Training	16,880	11,283		
Travel and transport expenses	16,183	15,746		
Utilities	3,002	2,951		
Total disbursements	509,292	502,832		
Excess of operating receipts				
Over operating disbursements	98,094	94,228		

Non-operating receipts (disbursements):	•	
Interest income	15,444	16,402
Capital purchases	-50,321	-9,515
Membership rebate	0	-41,859
Net non-operating disbursements	-34,877	-34,972
Change in cash basis net assets	63,217	59,256
Net assets-cash basis beginning of year	298,212	238,956
Cash basis net assets end of year	\$ 361,429	\$ 298,212

The Commission's operating receipts increased 1.8%, or approximately \$10,326, from fiscal 2007 to fiscal 2008. This increase was primarily the result of the increase in the number of member counties.

The Commission's operating disbursements increased 1.3%, or approximately \$6,460, from fiscal 2007 to fiscal 2008. This increase was primarily due to increases in salaries and benefits, insurance, and repairs.

The Commission's net assets increased approximately \$63,217, or 21.2%, from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

A review of the fiscal year budget for the Crime Commission showed actual operating income exceeded expectations by \$63,979, with operating receipts being more than expected and operating expenditures were less than projected.

The current financial status of the organization indicates financial assets total approximately \$195,572.

Current and upcoming projects for the Crime Commission include updating jail policies and procedures for existing jails, medication management, and development of policies and procedures for new jails in four member counties. Four 20-hour jail schools were conducted in the fall of 2007: September in Burlington; October in Ottumwa; November in Chariton; and December in Mt. Pleasant and another in April 2008 in Oskaloosa. A 40-hour basic jailer training school was conducted in May in Ottumwa.

A review of the fiscal year Juvenile Project budget showed actual operating income up from expectations by approximately \$40,206, while normal operating expenditures were \$38,126 less than projected. Revenues were \$2,080 more than projected. Additional expenses beyond the normal operating budget included vehicle purchases/replacements of \$49,700.

The current financial status of the Juvenile Project indicates total financial assets are approximately \$165,857.

A review of the summary of transports, transport administrative cost history, and vehicle fuel/maintenance cost summary showed a productive and successful year for the Juvenile Project. The net assets of the Juvenile Project decreased by \$4,557 during the year. The reason for this decrease is because capital purchases were higher than last year. This past fiscal year showed a total of 1,576 transports, a decrease of 173 from the prior year.

CONTACTING THE COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our members, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Commission's finances and to show the Commission's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Steve McCoy, Executive Director, South Iowa Area Crime Commission, 212 Glasgow Road, Fairfield, Iowa, 52556.



BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General Operating	Alternative Juvenile Detention Project	Total
Operating receipts:	ф 252.25 <i>4</i>	. ·.	\$ 252,354
County assessments	\$ 252,354	\$ - 303,329	\$ 252,354 303,329
County transport fees	45,952	5,751	51,703
Other reimbursements			
Total operating receipts	298,306	309,080	607,386
Operating disbursements:		:	•
Salaries and benefits	187,811	135,623	323,434
Payroll taxes	13,342	10,450	23,792
Dues and subscriptions	2,226	-	2,226
Insurance	1,568	13,324	14,892
Office expense	4,516	3,692	8,208
Professional fees	5,047	28,648	33,695
Repairs and maintenance	-	56,693	56,693
Telephone	2,502	7,785	10,287
Training	14,009	2,871	16,880
Travel and transport expenses	6,449	9,734	16,183
Utilities	1,593	1,409	3,002
Total operating disbursements	239,063	270,229	509,292
Excess of operating receipts			
over operating disbursements	59,243	38,851	98,094
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):			
Interest income	9,152	6,292	15,444
Capital purchases	(621)	(49,700)	(50,321)
Net non-operating disbursements	8,531	(43,408)	(34,877)
Change in cash basis net assets	67,774	(4,557)	63,217
Unrestricted net assets - cash basis beginning of year	127,798	170,414	298,212
Unrestricted net assets - cash basis end of year	\$ 195,572	\$ 165,857	\$ 361,429

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The South Iowa Area Crime Commission was formed under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa as a planning Commission for Southern Iowa counties to provide centralized administration and coordinate planning efforts for crime prevention programs, criminal justice programs, jail planning and procedures, and other related programs under the direction of the member counties.

The governing body of the Commission is composed of one representative from each of the fifteen member counties. The member counties are: Appanoose, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Lucas, Mahaska, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington, and Wayne. The commissioners are appointed by the participating political subdivisions and each has one vote.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the South Iowa Area Crime Commission has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The Commission has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Commission are such that exclusion would cause the Commission's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Commission to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Commission. The South Iowa Area Crime Commission has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Jointly Governed Organizations

Several members of the Commission's board of directors are also board members of the South Iowa Area Detention Service Agency, which is a jointly governed organization since it provides services to the member counties of the Commission but does not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments.

B. Basis of Presentation

<u>Government-wide Financial Statement</u> – The Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash Basis reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Commission. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from this statement. Governmental activities, which are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (continued)

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash Basis presents the Commission's nonfiduciary net assets. All of the Commission's net assets are unrestricted. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management, which can be removed or modified.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

South Iowa Area Crime Commission maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Commission are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statement does not present the financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison is reported as Required Supplementary Information.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND POOLED INVESTMENTS

The Commission's deposits in banks at June 30, 2008 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Commission is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposits or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Commission; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Commission had deposits in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at an amortized cost of \$320,269 at June 30, 2008 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

<u>Interest rate risk</u> – The Commission's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Commission.

<u>Credit risk</u> – The Commission's investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

NOTE 3 – PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Commission contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Most regular plan members are required to contribute 3.90% of their annual covered salary and the Commission is required to contribute 6.05% of covered salary. Certain employees in special risk occupations and the Commission contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The Commission's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$17,569, \$16,218, and \$16,266, respectively, equal to the required contribution for each year.

NOTE 4 – COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Commission employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use. Unused vacation hours are paid upon termination, retirement, or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the Commission until used or paid. Employees accumulate sick leave up to a maximum of 90 days. If not used this sick leave is lost upon termination, retirement, or death. The Commission's approximate liability for earned vacation and sick leave payable to employees at June 30, 2008, is \$22,044 and \$77,234 respectively. This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2008.

NOTE 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is a member of the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 563 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine, and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 200 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The Commission's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as disbursements from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The Commission's annual contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2008 were \$8,617.

NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability risks up to \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$100,000 each occurrence, each location, with excess coverage reinsured on an individual-member basis.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the member's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total members' equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual member. As of June 30, 2008, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage since the pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their casualty capital contributions. If a member withdraws after the sixth year, the member is refunded 100 percent of its capital contributions. However, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

The Commission also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with worker's compensation. The Commission assumes liability for any deductibles, and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION COMPARISON OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ACTUAL TO BUDGET - GENERAL OPERATING

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Operating receipts:			
County assessments	\$ 252,354	\$ 219,296	\$ 33,058
Other reimbursements	45,952	41,356	4,596
Total operating receipts	298,306	260,652	37,654
Operating disbursements:			
Salaries and benefits	187,811	197,694	9,883
Payroll taxes	13,342	15,189	1,847
Dues and subscriptions	2,226	2,000	(226)
Insurance	1,568	6,205	4,637
Office expense	4,516	5,000	484
Professional fees	5,047	17,200	12,153
Repairs and maintenance	-	2,000	2,000
Telephone	2,502	2,500	(2)
Training	14,009	7,200	(6,809)
Travel and transport expenses	6,449	7,900	1,451
Utilities	1,593	2,500	907
Total operating disbursements	239,063	265,388	26,325
Excess of operating receipts			
over operating disbursements	59,243	(4,736)	63,979
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):			
Interest income	9,152	8,000	1,152
Capital purchases	(621)	(2,500)	1,879
Net non-operating disbursements	8,531	5,500	3,031
Excess/(deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	\$ 67,774	\$ 764	\$ 67,010

SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION COMPARISON OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ACTUAL TO BUDGET - ALTERNATIVE JUVENILE DETENTION PROJECT For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	
Operating receipts: County transport fees Other reimbursements	\$ 303,329 5,751	\$ 305,000 2,000	\$ (1,671) 3,751	
Total operating receipts	309,080	307,000	2,080	
Operating disbursements:		·	•	
Salaries and benefits	135,623	170,979	35,356	
Payroll taxes	10,450	10,243	(207)	
Insurance	13,324	18,979	5,655	
Office expense	3,692	2,100	(1,592)	
Professional fees	28,648	25,554	(3,094)	
Repairs and maintenance	56,693	54,100	(2,593)	
Telephone	7,785	9,100	1,315	
Training	2,871	3,300	429	
Travel and transport expenses	9,734	11,500	1,766	
Utilities	1,409	2,500	1,091	
Total operating disbursements	270,229	308,355	38,126	
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements	38,851	(1,355)	40,206	
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):				
Interest income	6,292	4,700	1,592	
Capital purchases	(49,700)		(49,700)	
Net non-operating disbursements	(43,408)	4,700	(48,108)	
(Deficiency)/excess of receipts over disbursements	\$ (4,557)	\$ 3,345	\$ (7,902)	



SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PEFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Directors of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission Fairfield, Iowa

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued my report thereon dated September 18, 2008. My report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the effectiveness of South Iowa Area Crime Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies I consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of South Iowa Area Crime Commission's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's internal control. I consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's internal control.

My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, I believe item 2008-I-A is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the South Iowa Area Crime Commission's operations for the year ended June 30, 2008 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during my audit of the financial statements of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission. Since my audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

South Iowa Area Crime Commission's responses to findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While I have expressed my conclusions on the Commission's responses, I did not audit the Commission's responses, and accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees, and citizens of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission and other parties to whom the South Iowa Area Crime Commission may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to me by personnel of the South Iowa Area Crime Commission during the course of my audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, I shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Menke

Certified Public Accountant

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September 18, 2008

SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

2008-I-A:

<u>Segregation of Duties</u> — One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. I noted the same individual who prepares the bank deposits may also prepare billings, maintain cash receipts and accounts receivable records, prepare checks, and record disbursements in the accounting record.

<u>Recommendation</u> – I realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the Agency should continue to review its operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

<u>Response</u> – Due to the limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, we will continue to have the manager and other staff, where appropriate, review receipts, invoices and bill payments, and payroll as much as possible.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

Part II: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

2008-II-A

<u>Ouestionable Disbursements</u> –No disbursements that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.

2008-II-B

<u>Travel Expense</u> - No disbursements of Commission money for travel expenses of spouses of Commission officials or employees were noted.

2008-II-C

<u>Business Transactions</u> – No business transactions between the Commission and Commission officials or employees were noted.

2008-II-D

<u>Bond Coverage</u> – Surety bond coverage of Commission officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.

SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Part II: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting: (Continued)

2008-II-E

<u>Commission Meetings</u> – No transactions were found that I believe should have been approved in the Commission minutes but were not.

2008-II-F

<u>Deposits and Investments</u> – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Commission's investment policy were noted.

SOUTH IOWA AREA CRIME COMMISSION

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